

## WANTS FAIR NEUTRALITY

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New York, March 2.—The San Francisco correspondent sends the following statement given to him by General Maximo Gomez at his Santa Clara camp on Feb. 25:

"I suppose that the American public is well aware, now, of the fact that we want only the absolute independence of the island from Spain. But there is one thing that I wish to add, that it may be clearly understood by every man in the United States, especially as it appears that the administration will now be in the hands of men who have made clearly the honor of the nation. What I should like every American to know is this: We do not seek to involve the United States in a war with Spain. We do not try to force the United States to join in our struggle, or to win our independence with any material help from the Americans.

No, we do not want American help, and we do not want it when we are revolted against the tyranny of the Spaniards. But we do not like to see the American nation siding with our enemies. The American people, we think, will help us in our struggle, and we will help them in theirs. We are not asking for anything more than a fair neutrality.

We like fair neutrality. We like to struggle alone against Spain, not against Spain helped by the powerful resources at the command of a president of the United States. We do not know that the American nation does not approve such conduct, and is in full sympathy with our cause. I think the American people as I think the American people, and I am hopeful that President McKinley will be more just than President Cleveland."

At the latest news is favorable to the Cuban cause. On the 2nd inst. General Weyler has been ordered to leave the island, and the Spanish general, and attributes to their incapacity the failure of the campaign. At Placetas he was heard to exclaim in a passion: "No body helps me, nobody obeys my orders, and yet I am the responsible."

It is known that the government at Madrid has intimated that General Weyler might better send in his resignation in case no clear proofs of progress against the revolution shall have been given early in March. At this moment General Weyler is in the city of Santa Clara and fighting is general all over the island.

It is generally believed by the Spaniards that as soon as a good opportunity offers, Weyler will be recalled, and General Asensio, minister of war, would be sent to replace him.

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GOVERNMENT IS STRICT.

Dauntless Will Not Clear Save Under Unusual Conditions.

Washington, March 2.—A telegram to the secretary of state yesterday from Jacksonville, Fla., informed that W. A. Bissell, the owner of the alleged filibuster Dauntless, had filed an application, in a modified form, for permission to clear for a Cuban port with a cargo of munitions of war. The modification consists in the agreement of Mr. Bissell to make affidavit that he did not intend to violate the navigation laws. It is stated at the department that unless Mr. Bissell includes the neutrality laws in his promise, that he cannot get clearance papers and the collector of customs has been informed that the department stands on its previous decision not to release the Dauntless from custody unless all its conditions are complied with. The explanation given at the department of its reasons for insisting on sworn statements from the owner of the Dauntless more stringent in form than is usually required, is that no charges can be taken that might cause the government to be embarrassed in foreign trouble.

It is said that the conviction of Captain Hart, of the Laurinda, established that the Dauntless was clearly involved in filibustering operations. Under those circumstances, to grant clearance papers without observing unusual precautions and insisting on stringent conditions would seem a violation of the neutrality obligations of this government. The threat of Mr. Bissell to enter another suit against the collector at Jacksonville unless clearance papers are granted is, it is hinted by treasury department officials and is a threat which will not result in anything beneficial to the steamer.

VESUVIUS AND DAUNTLESS.

Party of Ladies on the Alleged Filibuster Have a Time.

New York, March 2.—A Times special from Jacksonville, Fla., says: The Vesuvius overhauled the Dauntless yesterday as the filibustering tug was about to leave the harbor. The Dauntless was ordered back to her dock, and the order was backed by a show of force. The Dauntless obeyed, but her captain made quite a show of resistance.

Mr. Bissell, owner of the Dauntless, asked yesterday for a clearance to Nassau, N. H. This was refused by the collector until the secretary of the treasury could be notified of it.

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HIS REASONS IN EXTENSO

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Provisions Are Unnecessarily Harsh and Oppressive, and the Defects in Its Construction Would Cause Vexation and Its Operation Would Surely Result in Harm to Our Citizens—The Educational Test Condemned.

Washington, March 2.—President Cleveland in his message vetoing the immigration bill calls attention to the first section of that measure excluding from admission to the United States illiterate persons designated in the section, and declares that the provision presents a radical departure from our national policy relating to immigration.

"Heretofore," he says, "we have welcomed all who came to us from other lands except those whose moral or physical condition or history brought such danger to our national welfare and safety. Relying upon the jealous watchfulness of our people to prevent injury to our political and social fabric, we have not sought to exclude foreigners from our country, but we have sought to protect our citizens from the effects of their presence."

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SITUATION IN CRETE.

EVACUATION OF CRETE BY THE GREEKS DEMANDED.

Correspondent, However is Certain Greece Will Reject the Ultimatum—Threat of the Mussulmans.

London, March 2.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs that the diplomats this evening presented a note to M. Skouzes, minister of foreign affairs, demanding the evacuation of Crete by the Greek forces within six days, under the threat of coercion. The note informs Greece that the powers are agreed to demand that the Crete will not allow Crete to be annexed in any form at present, and second, that they are prepared to endorse Crete's complete scheme of autonomy. The powers express the hope that Greece will respect the Crete forces.

The correspondent adds that he is assured by the highest authority that Greece will reject the ultimatum.

Mussulmans' Threats.

Athens, March 2.—The Greek vice consul at Cana reports that the Mussulmans there are threatening to proclaim the union of Crete with Greece, and to murder the boys because of the obstacles which the latter have placed in the way of their efforts.

The foreign consuls have demanded that warships be sent from Suda bay to Salina at once.

To Recall Her Ships.

Constantinople, March 2.—The ports have appealed to the powers to compel Greece to recall her ships and to withdraw her fleet from the Aegean.

A note from the powers was presented to the ports today but its contents are not known precisely.

LIGHTNING FLASHES.

Cleveland is confined to bed with rheumatism.

Andrew Carnegie, recently attacked with pleurisy, is resting easily.

There is great activity in the Portsmouth (England) dock yards.

Ex-Governor Long has accepted the office of secretary of the navy.

Deep water harbor commission has decided to build a canal at San Pedro in place of Santa Monica, Cal.

Vice President-elect Hobart and party arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon. There was no special demonstration.

Schwartz Bros. Commission company of St. Louis, has signed a contract to build a new hotel at St. Louis.

"Rah for McKinley."

Ambassador Bayard was given a farewell banquet in London last night by the British ambassador.

Secretary Olney received the following dispatch from the United States minister at Caracas: "Venezuela has appointed as minister to England, Dr. Juan Florio, who is a native of Venezuela."

This act is a practical resumption of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela.

## A WONDERFUL MAN

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Cornishman Getting Down to Hard and Systematic Training—Believes That the Great American Public Is Behind Him and Hopes That He Will Win—Will Be \$5,000 in the Pot For the Live Bird Shoot—How it Will Be Divided—Other Sporting News.

Carson, Nev., March 2.—Nobody could withstand the temptation to venture out today and, with the exception of Dan Stuart, all invalids from the visiting colony were about town.

Stuart yielded to a good appetite this morning, and now regrets having eaten so much. His physician ordered him back to bed and he is once more on the exclusive list. George Siler still talks from under his vest, but his secret is not very troublesome and he is able to attend to business.

Corbett gave up the entire day to his wife and sister, who decorated his quarters and received the visitors. In the evening, he limbered up a little at handball, but did not attempt any heavy work.

Fitzsimmons changed his mind about visiting Carson today, and shortly before noon he closed in on the tailboard of a buggy and asked the driver to whip up. The animal, however, was a speedy trotter, but Fitzsimmons hung on the entire distance to the city, which was reached in 12 minutes. Stepping up to a punching machine at the end of his trip, he sent the indicator spinning up to the 500-pound mark with a straight jab. Going home, he took matters easy and ate a hearty dinner.

Bob complained of a soreness about his joints, which is probably a result of the cold which he has been nursing ever since he arrived. The hot springs at the state penitentiary have done him good, as the bath in use was that before the week is over all lameness will have disappeared. He began work in the afternoon with a 14-round battle with the punching bag, going rather carefully, as the bag in use was the only one in repair. Within a week the Australian has wrecked a half dozen of the strongest bags manufactured, and Julian has ordered a double supply in case of emergency.

"I like to see Bob use up leather that way," said Julian to a group of reporters. "It shows that he still has a few punches left in him. He has had a hard blow trip out of those bags, but they last no time when he once gets going."

"You should see the letters we are getting," he continued. "Every crack in the country has a sure cure for colds, and the number of knock-out blows which have been recommended to us is simply amazing. The letters are very cheering to read, and they show that the American public is behind him in this fight and that a winner is appreciated more than a talker."